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Security Council

10 a.m. — 5556th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Women and peace and security[1]

   Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security (S/2006/770)

[1] Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m. — 173rd meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m. — 41st plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]

   (a) Third report of the General Committee (A/61/250/Add.2)

   (b) Documentation for the election of the members of the International Law Commission (item 105 (c))

   (c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/320/Add.1)

2. Report of the International Court of Justice [70]

   (a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/61/4)

   (b)Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/380)

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General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183, A/61/190 and A/C.1/61/L.46); *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/127/Add.1, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/159/Corr.2, A/61/159/Add.1, A/61/159/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/C.1/61/5, A/C.1/61/7, A/C.1/61/L.4, A/C.1/61/L.13/Rev.1, A/C.1/61/L.15/Rev.1, A/C.1/61/L.17/Rev.1, A/C.1/61/L.20, A/C.1/61/L.21*, A/C.1/61/L.25, A/C.1/61/L.26, A/C.1/61/L.32*, A/C.1/61/L.34, A/C.1/61/L.37, A/C.1/61/L.38, A/C.1/61/L.44, A/C.1/61/L.47/Rev.1, A/C.1/61/L.53, A/C.1/61/L.54/Rev.1, A/C.1/61/L.55, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293, A/61/344-S/2006/741 and A/61/520); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215, A/61/365, A/C.1/61/L.12, A/C.1/61/L.24 and A/C.1/61/L.28); *item 92* (A/61/180, A/61/297); and *item 96* (A/61/134, A/61/184 and A/C.1/61/L.48/Rev.1*)

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2, A/C.1/61/3, A/C.1/61/4, A/C.1/61/5, A/C.1/61/6, A/C.1/61/7 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Effects of atomic radiation [29]

   Interactive dialogue

   General debate

2. University for Peace [28]

   General debate

3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [110]

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 4

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/61/262 and A/61/363) [54]

Introduction and question time

Sustainable development [53]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/61/258, A/61/93, A/61/126 and A/C.2/61/4[1])

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/61/268, A/61/277, A/61/72-E/2006/54, A/61/75-E/2006/49, A/61/76-E/2006/51 and A/61/181)

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/61/229, A/61/229/Corr.1 and A/C.2/61/CRP.1)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/61/225)

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/61/225)

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session (A/61/25 (Supp. No. 25) and A/61/322)

Continuation of general discussion

3-6 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 4

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [40]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.13

Globalization and interdependence: International migration and development [55 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.12

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/61/262 and A/61/363) [54]

General discussion

Sustainable development [53]

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(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/61/225)

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/61/225)

[1] To be issued.

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session (A/61/25 (Supp. No. 25) and A/61/322)

Conclusion of general discussion

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

3–6 p.m. 31st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [63]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.5/Rev.1

2. International drug control [99]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.8/Rev.1

3. Promotion and protections of human rights (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/61/211, A/61/267, A/61/281, A/61/287, A/61/289, A/61/306, A/61/311, A/61/312, A/61/324, A/61/325, A/61/338, A/61/340, A/61/348, A/61/352, A/61/353, A/61/384, A/61/464, A/61/465, A/61/476, A/61/506 and A/61/513[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349, A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489, A/61/504 and A/61/526[1])

Continuation of general discussion

[*Note*: The Facilitator for agenda item 118 (Programme planning), Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia), will hold a briefing on programme 19, *today*, 26 October 2006, in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Third Committee, in Conference Room 1.]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 3

United Nations common system [125]

Report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/61/30)

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the reports of the International Civil Service Commission for 2005 and 2006 (A/61/381 and A/61/484)

Mobility and hardship allowance (A/60/723)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/60/34 and A/60/659))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 132 and 149 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Joint Inspection Unit; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; and United Nations reform: measures and proposals: Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report: procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5 and A/60/904); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–12.30 p.m. 11th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session (A/61/10) [78]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda item 78 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, convened by Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu Aguirre (Mexico) *today, 26 October 2006*, at 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 5.45 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehens e and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Drafting Committee

The Drafting Committee of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities will hold informal meeting *today*, 26 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Thursday, 26 October 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to food (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Year of Reconciliation, 2009, under agenda item 150 (convened by the delegation of Nicaragua)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Thursday, 26 October 2006

Mason Group

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
2–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Arab Group (Sixth Committee experts)

10–11 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Arab Group (meeting of the Member States)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on corruption; financing for development; debt; international financial system; commodities; eradication of poverty; strengthening of the Economic and Social Council; and remittances)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3–4.30 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on desertification and Small Island Developing States)

1.15–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (meeting with the Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility)

3–4 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on natural disasters and the International Strategy for Disaster Relief)

4–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly)

4.30–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Briefing on the declaration of the rights of indigenous peoples (organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico, Peru, Denmark and Spain)

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

1.15–2.30 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Thursday, 26 October 2006

Briefing on "The outcome of the Sixteenth International AIDS Conference, held in Toronto, Canada, in August 2006)" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All delegations are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion and interactive dialogue, on the occasion of the celebration of World Habitat Day 2006 on the theme "Cities–Magnets of Hope" (organized by Habitat Partners for Habitat Watch and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 26 October 2006

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. Mrs. Maria Dias (Timor-Leste), President and Co-founder of the Timor-Leste Network of 17 Women's Organizations; Ms. Leymah Gbowee (Liberia), Executive Director, omen in Peacebuilding Network Africa; Ms. Barbara Bangura (Sierra Leone), National Coordinator, Grassroots Empowerment for Self-Reliance, and Founding Member and Regional Adviser, Women in Peacebuilding Network Sierra Leone; and Ms. Cora Weiss, Hague Appeal for Peace (on the role of women in peace consolidation)

Guests at 12 noon Mr. Nicholas Burnett, Director of the Education For All Report, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and Mr. Peter Smith, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO (on the *Education for All Global Monitoring Report*)

1 p.m.[1] Mr. Jean Ziegler, Special Rapporteur on the right to food.

[1] To be confirmed.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.2/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.3/Rev.1, submitted under agenda item 30 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space) on Monday, 30 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber;

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber;

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Edwin F. Sele (Liberia), under agenda item 69 (b) (Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 1 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 6*.

Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B;

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 1 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural Disasters and Vulnerability)

Friday, 3 November 2006 from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the theme "Negotiating Doha" on Monday, 30 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Panellists include Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General, World Trade Organization; Mr. Gary Hufbauer, Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington D.C.; and Professor Carlos Correa, University of Buenos Aires (Argentina).

The event, organized by the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):

10 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Perez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 27 October 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 231st meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Monday, 30 October 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with a view to considering and adopting the draft report.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of the co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and extreme poverty, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 1 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, under agenda item 41 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden on behalf of the Nordic countries)

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace, under agenda item 49 (convened by the delegation of Tunisia)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room S-1027D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, under agenda item 108 (q) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan))

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations to present the draft resolution on strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegations of Sweden)

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Friday, 27 October 2006, at 9.15 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

OIC Group (on the draft resolution entitled "Combating defamation of religions") (at the expert level) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan))

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in French)
Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)
Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on "Operationalizing the Peacebuilding Commission"

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

Briefing for delegates on the United Nations Forum on Forests Ad Hoc Expert Group on a Non-legally Binding Instrument (New York, 11-15 December 2006) (convened by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Forum Secretariat)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. at the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar
Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

English Seminar
Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Special briefing on "How SIDS can benefit from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF): Meeting the objectives of the Mauritius Strategy", by the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator (organized by UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Om Pradhan (tel. 1 (917) 367-5387; e-mail pradhano@un.org); or Mr. Robert Enholm (tel. 1 (917) 367-4116; e-mail enholm@un.org).]

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Monday, 30 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

High-level round table on "Assessing the UNCCD process and identifying challenges ahead", on the occasion of the celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (organized by the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Wednesday and Thursday, 1 and 2 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[The round table will be closed. For further information, please contact Ms. Frederika Teixeira (tel. 1 917 367-4081; e-mail teixeira2@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Intellectual property rights and development" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology

issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Monday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*
Tuesday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*
Wednesday, 1 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*
Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

All meetings will take place in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 25 October 2006

Security Council

5553rd meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 25 October 2006, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5553rd meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Annabi, and the representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

5554th meeting *The situation in Burundi*

Seventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operations in Burundi (S/2006/429 and S/2006/429/Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/839, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/839) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/839) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1719 (2006).

5555th meeting (closed) *The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2006/821)

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 5555th meeting, held in private on 25 October 2006, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Côte d'Ivoire'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in

accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Said Djinnit, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union.

"The members of the Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Mr. Djinnit.

"The members of the Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Youssouf Bakayoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire."

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

40th plenary meeting

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to the thirty-sixth round of balloting (seventeenth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-sixth round of balloting (seventeenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	187
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	187
Abstentions	6
Required two-thirds majority	121

	Votes
Guatemala	109
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	72

On the thirty-sixth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the thirty-seventh round of balloting (eighteenth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-seventh round of balloting (eighteenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	6
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	78
Chile	1

On the thirty-seventh round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the thirty-eighth round of balloting (nineteenth restricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-eighth round of balloting (nineteenth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers
Number of invalid ballots
Number of valid ballots
Abstentions
Required two-thirds majority

Guatemala
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

On the thirty-eighth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the thirty-ninth round of balloting (twentieth restricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-ninth round of balloting (twentieth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers
Number of invalid ballots
Number of valid ballots
Abstentions
Required two-thirds majority

Guatemala
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

On the thirty-ninth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the fortieth round of balloting (twenty-first restricted ballot).

The results of the fortieth round of balloting (twenty-first restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers
Number of invalid ballots
Number of valid ballots
Abstentions
Required two-thirds majority

Guatemala
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

On the fortieth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majo

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-first round of balloting (nineteenth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the forty-first round of balloting (nineteenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	190
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	190
Abstentions	6
Required two-thirds majority	123

	Votes
Guatemala	100
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	82
Dominican Republic	1
Chile	1

On the forty-first round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

General Committee

4th meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]: *allocation of agenda item 68 (Report of the Human Rights Council)*

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly to allocate agenda item 68 both to the plenary of the General Assembly and the Third Committee.

Main Committees

First Committee

20th meeting

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97)

The Committee continued its third stage, namely the "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97)."

A statement was made by the representative of China.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Jordan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.10/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 166 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.36 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 167 to 1, with 1 abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Japan.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.18 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.40 was adopted without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Cameroon.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.33 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.34 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.41 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.42 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.43 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 165 to 1, with 1 abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

The representative of Spain made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.6 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 117 to 4, with 50 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.7 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 168 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.8 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 169 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/61/L.22 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.30 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.31 was adopted without a vote.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.35 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 169 to 1, with no abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.50 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 107 to 52, with 13 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United Kingdom, the United States, Brazil, Pakistan and Egypt.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Turkey.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.9 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.11 was adopted without a vote.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.14 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.29 was adopted without a vote.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

16th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [30]

The representative of France, in his capacity as Chairman of the Working Group of the Whole, made a statement.

The Committee decided to postponed action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.2/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.3/Rev.1 until Monday, 30 October, 10 a.m.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [33]

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements by the representatives China, Singapore, Cambodia, Kuwait, Jamaica, Indonesia, Nigeria, Fiji, the United States, Malawi, Lebanon, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Yemen, Albania, Ethiopia, Zambia, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Georgia and Peru.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

The representatives of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements.

Second Committee

19th meeting

Sustainable development [53]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session

The Committee began its consideration of the item and its sub-items (a) to (d), (f) and (g), and heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy

Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs; the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator; the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity; and the representative of the United Nations Environment Programme.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and its sub-items (a) to (d), (f) and (g). Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, as well as Ukraine and Moldova), Iceland, Indonesia, Moldova, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Kazakhstan, Kenya, the Russian Federation, Australia and Cuba.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

20th meeting

Globalization and interdependence: Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy [55 (e)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.11**

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of Belarus introduced the draft resolution.

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(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and its sub-items (a) to (d), (f) and (g). A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine (on behalf of GUAM), Thailand, Bahrain, India, Bangladesh, the People's Republic of China, Colombia, the United States, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Brazil, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Palau, Israel, Singapore and Nauru.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Third Committee

29th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, the United States, Cuba, Turkey, Benin, Mexico and the Republic of Korea.

The Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, Canada, Mexico, Swaziland, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Zambia and Cuba.

The Independent Expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Kenya and Cuba.

30th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [61 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.11

The representative of the Philippines introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Chile, Kyrgyzstan, Monaco, Panama and Nigeria.

Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Ecuador, Liberia, Morocco, Senegal, Swaziland, Thailand and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [67 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.15

The representative of Denmark introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Argentina, Azerbaijan, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Cyprus, Lithuania, Monaco, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America and Uruguay.

Armenia, Bolivia, Iceland, Liberia, Morocco and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the right to food made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Gabon, Egypt, Ecuador, Togo, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Sudan, Palestine, India, Brazil,

Lebanon, Cuba, Finland, Mali, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, Algeria, Israel, the Russian Federation, China, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Norway and Palestine.

The Committee then continued its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan and Liechtenstein.

Fifth Committee

10th meeting

United Nations common system . . . . . [125]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission introduced the report of the Commission (A/61/30).

The Chief of Service III, Office of the Programme Planning Budget Division, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/60/421).

The Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/484).

The Senior Adviser on Information Management Policy Coordination of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) introduced the note of that Office (A/60/723).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), the United States, India and Japan.

Sixth Committee

10th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session [78]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, South Africa, Argentina, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Germany, the United States, New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Portugal, France, Ukraine and Greece.

Requests for observer status in the General Assembly . . . . . [153]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 153.

Observer status for the OPEC Fund for International Development in the General Assembly

It was announced that Mali and Morocco had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.3.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.3 without a vote.

Observer status for the Indian Ocean Commission in the General Assembly

It was announced that Bangladesh, Barbados, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Fiji, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Ireland, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Nepal, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and Swaziland had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.2.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.2 without a vote.

Observer status for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the General Assembly

It was announced that Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.4.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.4 without a vote.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Declaration under article 14: Morocco (19 October 2006)[1]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Declaration under article 22: Morocco (19 October 2006)[1]

Withdrawal of reservation: Morocco (19 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Withdrawal of reservation: Morocco (19 October 2006)[1]

Declarations: Morocco (19 October 2006)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (20 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Accession: Angola (23 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Notification made under article 46 (13): Nicaragua (25 October 2006)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Corrections to the authentic Russian text of the Agreement

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 October 2006.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/PV.5	Meeting held on 15 September 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/883/Add.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [S (only)]

Sixty-first session

A/61/132	Item 18 of the provisional agenda — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba — Repo of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/251/Add.1	Agenda of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/252/Add.1	Allocation of agenda items for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E R S]
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